

PSAC Vancouver Regional Women's Committee

May 17, 2017

Present: Kelly Megyesi (chair of meeting), Jennifer Horsley, Terri Lee, Kelly Sidhu, Monica Urrutia (PSAC Staff – took minutes) Ruby Langan.

Regrets: Chris Joe, Nancy Burton, Linda Harding, Juliana Sou, Sandra Wasilewski, Karla Backer

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

1. Previous minutes: spelling typos to be corrected. Kelly M. to send Monica a Word version, so it can be corrected then amended minutes will be sent to REVP's office and posted on Regional Website.

minutes passed as amended m/s/c (Terri/Jennifer)

2. Kelly M. reported that the Committee's Executive met this past weekend to prepare for the meeting and planning.

3. Financial report by Kelly S. – the committee received the national allocation of \$1350 which has been deposited. Have also deposited \$940, as proceeds from the Pink Hat fundraising initiative at the National Equity Conference but these are monies held in reserve for the Shoebox project. Spent \$405 for the IWD event. Current balance is \$2523.43 (keeping in mind the \$940 in reserve). Concern noted about budget requested and misunderstanding – must be careful next year when submitting budget.

Kelly M. mentioned that the committee had received umbrellas but they were poor quality. They have been returned but our supplier MOHR would like us to purchase at a reduced rate. Group was interested in the water bottle idea as well.

4. IWD event – Kelly M. reported that it was a very successful event. Selling tickets helped get people there. Full report given previously

5. **Motion:** To reimburse Kelly M. for \$137.40 (\$83.45 for this meeting, \$38 for the executive meeting, \$15.95 for miscellaneous items for the baskets). m/s/c (Kelly M./Kelly S.)

Motion: The Committee has been invited to the Co-Dev Fundraising Dinner on June 17 and would like to approve \$65 for one ticket for Kelly M. to attend, only if the REVPs office is not funding any tickets to attend. m/s/c (Kelly M./Kelly S.)

Monica to ask the REVP's office if they plan on sponsoring any tickets for the CoDev dinner.

6. Regional Triennial Convention

Women's caucus is already pre-scheduled. Committee will no longer have a specific Committee meeting there. The committee will have a table. **There is a need for people to volunteer for shifts at the table, please let Kelly M. know if you are available.**

idea for the committee's contribution to the baskets is to donate a filled Shoebox. The winner can either keep it or donate it. Jennifer will ensure she puts something in the Shoebox so that the winner knows about the project. Kelly S will prepare the shoebox for convention.

J: To allocate up to \$50 towards our contribution to the basket/shoebox. m/s/c (Kelly S./Jennifer H.) Delegate is Kelly M. Just a reminder that the Committee pays for the delegates registration fee and the LOS for the Friday. The committee will be invoiced for the LOS.

BC Regional Women's Coordinator (Kelly S.) is getting questions together for candidate, either for them to answer during women's caucus, or at another time (e.g. all candidate's meeting). Definitely want new REVP to commit to rebuild momentum for support for women and the committees.

7. Next meeting

Oct 4 in downtown. Kelly M suggested Rogue for appies. then Sisters in Spirit vigil to follow. Last year it was held at Victory Square.

8. Other

-Jen updated that the Vancouver Area Council will donate \$50 towards the Shoebox project.

-Jen also raised \$105 from UPCE and \$100 from her own UPCE 20095 local.

idea to have a list so RWC can get locals to commit to come to wrapping party for shoeboxes on November 15. Sky has a lead on shoeboxes. Jen has 10. Kelly M. will look for cheap pre-decorated boxes. May need a quick check-in sometime between Nov 1-15 before the wrapping party.

9. Roundtable

Jen and Terri have made a bunch of pink hats. Maria-Luiza has made many that Kelly M. brought in. (Monica to bring to Regional Convention).

Monica to ask the REVP's office if someone is allowed to attend convention completely as a volunteer to help work the table, not as an observer. If yes, then Monica will inform Jen H. who will invite the volunteer.

Kelly M. acknowledged the passing of Sister Sharon Tieman and was glad there was PSAC representation at her memorial. She left the memorial program on the blackboard in the RO if anyone wants to look at it.

Kelly S. updated about the SIUW in Hawaii. Through an outside donation there has been an additional offer to waive the tuition for women 35 years of age and under. Kelly S. to write to SIUW about any funding available.

Monica briefly highlight Asian Heritage Month and the upcoming June 16 rally.

Meeting adjourned